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Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

| | a. 🔲 Previously submitted | | | | | | | |
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| i. Consider the amendment (s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on | | | | | | | | |
| | (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). | | | | | | | |
| | ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on | | | | | | | |
| | iii. Other | | | | | | | |
| | b. 🗵 Enclosed | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>:</u> | Preliminary Amendment | | | | | |
| | ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | | | | | | | |
| | iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement iv ⊠ Other Reply to Office Action Dated November 28, 2005 | | | | | | | |
| | | iv. 🖂 | | ction Dated Novem | Der 20, 2005 | | | |
| 2. | 2. Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| | a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for | | | | | | | |
| | a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) | | | | | | | |
| | b. Other | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. | | | | | | | |
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